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Book 11 of The Saga Of Darren Shan. Darren's going home. Back to where everything started. The town's changed a lot in the years that he's been away -- but then, so has Darren.

Plagued by nightmares of what the future seems to hold, Darren feels uneasy revisiting the place where he was re-born as a child of the night, as though the universe (as though destiny) is plotting to throw something very nasty at him on the streets of his old home.

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Saeed says

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Julie Decker says

After his bizarre trip with Harkat into the land of the Lake of Souls, Darren returns to the Cirque du Freak--a place with such history for him--but without his mentor, Mr. Crepsley, he travels around with the circus, headed by Mr. Tiny. When the Cirque arrives in his old hometown, he wishes for reunion with those who think he's dead, but the possibility of leading the vampaneze to his loved ones makes this too risky. But there is one reunion he won't be able to avoid: a clash between him and his childhood friend Steve, who is now Lord of the Vampaneze. Will the half-vampire prince Darren be able to defeat him and save the vampire clan?

The book was a little disjointed, and a little too constructed to build to the final confrontation, but what I did like about it was seeing the dark side of our hero. He's really built up some violence and hate and ability to do some terrible things, which is appropriate considering, well, he's a vampire. There's still the same strange distance between the first-person narration and the connection to the character, though; it made it difficult throughout for me to get into this series.

Gabriela Murrieta says

Lord of the Shadows by Darren Shan is the 11th book out of 12 books in the series. This book made me want to finish the series. It really made up for the 10th book, which wasn't as great, and gave excitement. There was also action and unexpected things that could surprise the reader. Darren Shan's way of writing, leaving you in a cliffhanger throughout the book, would make someone keep on reading until the end of the series and could even persuade you to read other books by him. This book is based off of Darren Shan's, a half vampire, point of view and his quest on killing the lord of the vampaneze. People would appreciate it depending if they like suspense or horror types of books because overall, Darren Shan's books are mostly based off those types of topics and themes. He writes in a very powerful way that allows you to feel how the characters feel even if they are in pain, scared, or even nervous all at the same time. The point of not knowing what's going to happen next gives you suspense as well as his foreshadowing. This book would definitely change your opinion about vampires.

Nic Echo says

Warning! The summary for this book contains spoilers for those who have not read its prior counterparts. In other words, there are no spoilers for this particular book, just the ones before it. The review itself is, for the most part, spoiler free, however.

About the Book:

Darren returns to his home town, ready for the ultimate showdown with Steve Leonard, the Vampaneze Lord. Meanwhile, Darren is worrying about the prediction Evanna told him. In *The Lake of Souls*, Darren and Harkat find out that the world they traveled to was actually the Earth's future, created by the Lord of the Shadows. The catch is that the Lord of the Shadows will be one of two people: Steve Leonard or Darren Shan. In other words, if Steve is killed, Darren is the one destined to become the evil tyrant and send the world into chaos.

Review:

This series just keeps getting better and better. I did not want to put it down. It was interesting to see how Darren dealt with coming face to face with his human life and how he dealt with it. Of course, there is also plenty of action between Steve and Darren, along with the lead ups to their encounters.

Darren also runs into Debbie and Alice once more, and they have succeeded in putting together a human army to battle the vampets. Although it is nice to see Debbie doing something useful, I personally still cannot stand her. She just seems to cling to Darren too much.

Overall though I think the most thrilling aspects Shan brought to this piece was all the shocking twists and torments. It was quite shocking to see what sort of murders and violence went on in this book. I can easily think of three major points that occurred and left me thinking, "I can't believe that just happened!" *Lord of the Shadows* was a fabulous read, and I don't think you will be disappointed.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Siobhan says

Drawing close to the ending of an amazing series, numerous questions are answered in this book.

Back in his home town Darren is faced with old friends and old enemies alike. With more twists and turns added into this book it is next to impossible to put down, leaving you to read on to the final instalment instantly. Whilst a lot of things come out in the open there are still those unanswered questions which can only be found out through finishing the series.

Patryk Stypulkowski says

Darren Shan is approaching his final showdown with the Vampaneze Lord. The hunters will be pit against the Lord and his most loyal servants. Only one side will remain unschathed, and the victor will become a horror...

"*Lord of the Shadows*" is the second to last book in the *Cirque du Freak* series, and begins to wrap up the story. There is lots to enjoy. The book successfully takes elements from the previous books and touches on them, which wasn't something some of the previous books did well. The book takes action, mystery, story, even brings back some old locations in the books. Nearly everything about this book seems well made to me.

There are some minor flaws, though. There are a few parts where the story seems to drag, and also there is an okay cliffhanger, but other than that, I can't complain. I would give this book 5 stars.

Whitney says

Two years later, and the War of Scars is still going on, yet Darren hasn't been attending to his princely duties. While still travelling with the Cirque du Freak, Darren and the circus travel to Darren's original home town where he'd still lived as a vampire. But something sinister is afoot; Darren and Harkat can feel it. There's Steve and the vampaneze to worry about, and now Darren has to worry about this mysterious future Lord of the Shadows, who may very well be him!

Plot

The end is near with this series but you wouldn't guess it with how dull *Lord of the Shadows*. It took ages for any action to start, and when it did it was very predictable. That's the problem with a long series. Readers start to learn the author's tricks and nuances and will be able to figure out what will happen next. Even the first time I read this book I wasn't surprised by anything. Besides the predictable things, *Lord of the Shadows* was a set up book for *Sons of Destiny* and that's about it. The next book is the big finale and this book was the stepping stone to it. Books like this are never really exciting so the plot wasn't really a letdown.

Writing

By this point, the writing has become too predictable. Eleven books in the same series and you being to be able to figure out what the author has in store next. The quality is as good as ever but it's gone down in terms of uniqueness. There was a lack of urgency in *Lord of the Shadows* that I think should have been there. Shan is usually good with that but it was strangely absent.

Characters

I really don't like what Shan's done to Darren's character. Is the reader honestly supposed to believe that Darren would murder a child all of a sudden because of this mysterious darkness rising up inside of him? Apparently we are. It would have been better if, from the beginning of the series, Darren was shown as holding grudges and wanting vengeance, only to be stopped and reprimanded by Mr. Crepsley after he was bled. And when Mr. Crepsley dies, the one thing that held Darren back is no more and that rage rises up inside of him again. This didn't happen, but it's what should have happened. Darren has always been optimistic and a good spirit, even in the worst of times; even when Steve killed Mr. Crepsley! This sudden character shift doesn't make any sense and it's very weak. Since Shan couldn't have gone back and developed Darren like I said, he should have made it where Darren just snapped. To do that, something incredibly upsetting should have happened; something more upsetting than Mr. Crepsley being killed.

It's very upsetting to see Darren's character do a one-eighty like this.

Things I Didn't Like

Lord of the Shadows—the second to last book in the series!—was boring. I'm sorry to say but it was. Nothing even happened in first six to seven chapters. "Blah" is the word I'd use to describe this book. It was

a set up book, just like books two and three were in this series. Maybe I would have liked the book if it was combined with *Sons of Destiny*. Who knows?

Besides that, I didn't like what has happened to Darren's character in the span of, what, a few chapters? He goes from moderately optimistic half-vampire to a person who's about ready to murder a child for revenge's purposes only. How a mighty character has fallen at the hands of the author.

Diversity

Debbie and Alice are back. They play an important role in the indirect plot more than the direct plot. It's good, but not great. I like the way that they are described as muscular and how Shan doesn't shy away from having physically strong women. Debbie, the only confirmed POC in the entire series, is more prominent than Alice. I also like how her dark skin is described as beautiful. Too often dark skin is demonized or just not seen as pretty.

Overall

Lord of the Shadows was a book to set up the big finale. It will probably pale in comparison to the final book. The entire book was dull and boring, even during the action scenes. There were choices that Darren made that were rather silly and foolish of him that he only did for the convenience of the plot. If *Sons of Destiny* makes up for *Lord of the Shadows*, that'd be great.

Here is a link to my notes.

Anthony Guo says

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In this fantasy book, it is really interesting. They have a different aspect of the vampires. Unlike many other vampire books, it was vampires that were evil and they seek blood, and they kill their victims. But in this series, they have a new race of vampires. It wasn't the vampires who have been killing their victims when they drink blood from them, it was the vampaneze who drain blood dry from their victims.

I love this book because it is different from other vampire related books. Not only that it is fascinating that there is a new race of different vampires but also that there is going to be war against them. Another reason I love this book is because of its perspective, it is in the perspective of a vampire, Darren Shan, the protagonist. I found it interesting that the author's name who wrote this story is the protagonist of the story. It seems as if Darren really had experienced this, and the things inside.

I would love to recommend this book to anyone who loves mystery and scary books. But be aware, who knows what might be lurking in the corner of the night.

Miranda Reads says

THIS DOES NOT fall into the same pitfalls as the previous two books

Instead of a meandering from the main plot arch, this time we are in the thick of things. I really enjoyed the contrast of Darren *now* vs Darren *could-have-been* as he is confronted with his old life and all the what-ifs that could have happened if he hadn't become a vampire.

The cat-and-mouse game between Darren and Steve was both engaging and annoying. I wanted *confrontation*, I wanted **action**...and when that happened...oh boy did I not want *that* to happen.

Previously, I have admired Shan (author, not character) for not skimping on the gore and death just because this is for middle schoolers. Books are too PG sometimes and his were a refreshing change.

HOWEVER

What he did to Ezra and his family...**unforgivable**...there is a difference between including death and doing *that* to one of your characters.

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Krizz Dragneel says

Me siento en estado zombie después de terminar este libro, casi nada para ser una carnicería.

First Mr. Crepsley and now Mr. Tall , why??? Oh my dear Shancus

Emily says

This series is just full of twists and shocking and tragic circumstances!

In this book, Darren and Harkat are traveling with the Cirque du Freak when the Cirque ends up back in Darren's hometown. Of course, he wants to see how the town has changed and how his family and friends are doing, but he is unsure of how involved with them he should be.

SPOILERS

Of course, Steve manages to show up in this book, and it is revealed that he has a son. I was not surprised to learn who the boy's mother was (Annie), but it complicates things for Darren considerably. I am becoming rather depressed about this "Lord of the Shadows" business. It is so upsetting that Darren is destined to either die or turn into a murderous monster. They have trusted what Mr. Tiny, Evanna, and Mr. Tall have said so far but I can't help but HOPE beyond hope that they are all somehow wrong about Darren's destiny. I also cried when Steve killed Shancus. It was one of the worst deaths of the series, even worse than Mr.

Crepsley's. I just want this all to be over!! I think the vampires and the vampaneze have a good chance of peace once Steve is GONE.

SPOILERS END

This book was very sad and I am hoping that the next and last book will help to tie up loose ends and I really

hope all ends well for Darren and company.

Samantha wickedshizuku Tolleson says

When I finished this book I was biting my nails to get the next one. I was constantly devouring Darren Shan's words every waking moment when I bought this series. Not only is he a brilliant writer; he is a master of terror.

The book starts off a little slow compared to the Lake of Souls, Book 10, did. Also I had gotten confused for a minute because I was also reading Shan's Wolf Island in the Demonata series. (excellent as well!) I'm honestly living some of the situation Darren does. Coming back to the town you grew up in. It's somewhat odd to read about.

What I would like to see in future works would be a book of short stories by: Shan, Brom, and Neil Gaiman. Oh what a great book it would be.

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Martha Elena says

Como puede haber tanto dolor y muerte en un libro tan pequeño.

Kat Hooper says

Originally posted at Fantasy Literature.

Lord of the Shadows is the penultimate book in Darren Shan's CIRQUE DU FREAK series. If you haven't read the previous books, but plan to, I recommend that you don't read this review until you've read them, for I will certainly spoil the plot for you.

Darren Shan's adventures in the vampire world began when he made a series of bad mistakes. First he stole money from his parents and snuck out of the house to visit the Cirque du Freak, an illegal traveling circus. Then he stole a poisonous spider from the show and kept it in his bedroom. Then the spider bit Steve, Darren's best friend. Then, while Steve lay dying in the hospital, instead of 'fessing up and telling the adults what happened to Steve, so that perhaps they could have found an antidote, Darren made a deal with Mr. Crepsley, the vampire who owned the spider: Darren had to become a half-vampire to get the antidote from

Mr. Crepsley. Then, instead of being grateful for being saved, Steve was jealous that Darren became a half-vampire (Mr. Crepsley said Steve had evil blood and he refused to let Steve become a vampire). Then Steve joined the evil vampaneze and became Darren's archenemy. It is prophesied that Steve, the new lord of the vampaneze, will destroy the world. It's up to Darren and his friends to stop him.

Lord of the Shadows begins two years after the events of the previous book, The Lake of Souls. At the end of that book Darren and Harkat had seen a glimpse of a possible frightening future and Darren had heard a new prophecy which says that either he or Steve is the Lord of Shadows — the man who will destroy the Earth. I said in my review of The Lake of Souls that these prophecies are the weakest part of the plot and I feel that even more so in this book. It seems to me that this particular prophecy contradicts earlier prophecies and is here only to increase tension by giving Darren a shade of grayness — like maybe he's a villain instead of the hero we expected him to be. It didn't work for me, but I'm not the target audience.

When the Cirque du Freak travels to Darren and Steve's hometown, Darren must deal with his past. He left because he thought he was dangerous (which, it turns out, he really wasn't) and his family thinks he's dead. Should he seek them out? Well, of course he can't help but look for them and that's when things get even weirder and more frightening. When Darren finds his beloved sister, author Darren Shan gives the story a big wrenching twist. Kids are going to be shocked.

The CIRQUE DU FREAK series continues to thrill, and Darren is in a no-win situation where he's dealing with some difficult ethical issues. Will his hatred turn him into a monster?

I continue to listen to Blackstone Audio's production of the CIRQUE DU FREAK series. As I've said before, Ralph Lister's performance is a little over the top, but kids will probably love it and I've gotten used to it.

Raven says

lets have a moment of silence for evra von's son that died.....ok this book is just wrong! im gonna go cry again! steve is getting on my last freekin never!!!!!!sorry for my bad reviews

Jeff_Sof2014 says

This is the 11th book of 12 in the saga of vampires and how Darren lives his daily life as one. In this book, old friends are back for revenge, when Darren vowed to be a half vampire, he also had to leave behind his family, his friends, his town, everything. Darren soon adapted to this life-style by meeting vampires like himself and others much older than him. One of his friends, Steve, is back for revenge. Darren was a traitor to Steve and went with Mr. Crepsley, his mentor, than go with Steve and continue their old life-style. I can connect this to a whole lot of people in the world. Many people have to make hard decisions that can impact their life dramatically and many others around them too. Most kids and teens and maybe even adults, have a choice of their friends and its up to them how to choose them, but it will end in conflict most of the time and that person will have to choose one or the other.

I rate this book 5 stars because it is really amazing how Darren's decision of being a half vampire chained a whole storyboard of events with old friends, new enemies and a lot of new partners. I also like the way that it

is almost the end of the saga and he is tying loose ends one at a time and with a logical answer instead of just rushing to a random conclusion.

Eileen H says

Do you trust your friends? Well Darren docent after Steve his best friend try's to kill him! Evanna is a witch that can see the future and is warning him that he is to become an evil monster that will destroy the earth! Darren is set of to find a loop hole. Sometimes I feel like a monster ready to destroy the earth, but that's just me. Darren has come across Steve and is trying to rule the world and once again Darren is stuck in the middle.

Book By: Darren Shan

Bella says

Called the kids parents new it. Seriously is it just me that is finding these 'twist' anything but twisty?

Was a good book though.
